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UNITED STATES COAST GUARD

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Mr. Loftus E. Becker
Deputy Director/Intelligence
Central Intelligence Agency
Washington 25, D. C.

Dear Mr. Becker:

Your letter to Admiral O'Neill dated 8 February 1952 on the general subject of intelligence support of the Coast Guard and the arrangements outlined are highly satisfactory and will be pursued in accordance with your advice.

In accordance with your wishes, you are informed that the Coast Guard feels that it requires the following types of intelligence:

1. Advance notice of arrival at U. S. ports of Soviet and Soviet Satellite flag merchant vessels.

2. Names of all merchant vessels that are suspected of being under Soviet or Soviet Satellite control. Control is defined as being subject to orders of Soviet and Soviet Satellite authorities due to ownership, charter or other device while not under Soviet or Satellite registry.

3. Advance notice of arrival at U. S. ports of merchant vessels under Soviet or Soviet Satellite control.

4. Advance notice of arrival at U. S. ports of merchant vessels that have crew members who are known to be Communists or members of Communist organizations.

5. Advance notice of arrival at U. S. ports of merchant vessels that have touched at Soviet or Soviet Satellite ports during their current voyage.

6. Advance notice of arrival at U. S. ports of merchant vessels that have been loaded at any port under suspicious circumstances, or which have been dry-docked under secret conditions.

7. Any other intelligence gathered by your Agency that would assist the Coast Guard in designating a particular merchant vessel as "suspicious" and dictate special handling of such vessel.

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Your cooperation in expediting the flow of information of this nature to the Coast Guard whenever it is available, will be deeply appreciated.

Very truly yours,

A. C. RICHMOND
Rear Admiral, U. S. Coast Guard
Acting Commandant

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